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Title : Need to extend the route of Hirakhand Express upto Jagdalpur in Orissa. -- Laid.

SHRI ANADI SAHU (BERHAMPUR, ORISSA) : The Hirakhand Express starts from Bhuhaneswar and goes up to Koraput in Orissa. A large number of people avail the train for city for going to Koraput, Jeypore in Orissa and Jagdalpur in Chattisgarh. Since the train terminates at Korapur, people going to Jeypore and Jagdalpur have to avail bus services. A large number of Orissa and Sirkakulam district of Andhra Pradesh work in Boiladila mines. Traders from Jagdalpur in Chattisgarh State and Kotpad in Orissa go frequently to Korapur and Vijayanagaram for purchase and sale of merchandise.

I am to request that the Ministry of Railways may extend the Hirakhand Express up to Jagdalpur.